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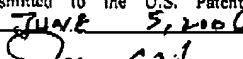
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
William Banning Vail, III  
  
Serial No.: 10/678,738  
  
Confirmation No.: 5117  
  
Filed: October 2, 2003  
  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR CEMENTING DRILL  
STRINGS IN PLACE FOR OIL  
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**PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP  
OF AN APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.48(a)**

This is a Petition for correction of inventorship in the above patent application in which Mr. James E. Chitwood is erroneously listed as a co-inventor. It is respectfully requested that the United States Patent and Trademark Office amend the application to remove Mr. James E. Chitwood as a co-inventor.

Please charge the fee of \$130.00 for this petition to Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0524.C1/WBP.

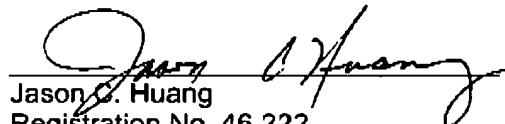
Enclosed is a statement from Mr. James E. Chitwood establishing that the  
error occurred without deceptive intent. Also enclosed is a declaration executed by  
each actual inventor as required by 37 CFR § 1.63 and a written consent of the  
assignee.

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Applicant would like to note that a Petition to Correct Inventorship under 37 CFR 1.48(b) was previously filed on February 4, 2005 to remove Mr. James E. Chitwood as a co-inventor. However, Applicant believes that the procedure under 1.48(b) may not have been the proper procedure for removing Mr. James E. Chitwood because he did not contribute to any of the original or pending claims. Mr. James E. Chitwood is erroneously listed as a co-inventor in the original application because the oath/declaration, which lists Mr. Banning Vail and Mr. James E. Chitwood as co-inventors, from the direct parent application was submitted in the instant application. Therefore, Applicant submits this Petition under 1.48(a) to request removal of Mr. James E. Chitwood as co-inventor.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY****As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:****This declaration is of the following type:**

- original
- divisional
- continuation
- continuation-in-part

**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CEMENTING DRILL STRINGS IN PLACE FOR ONE PASS DRILLING AND COMPLETION OF OIL AND GAS WELLS****SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

The specification of which:

- is filed herewith
- was filed on October 2, 2003, under Serial No. 10/678,738, Confirmation No. 6117; or
- Express Mail No. (as Serial No. not yet known) and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable); or
- was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_; or
- was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, under Attorney Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application; namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent.



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In compliance with this duty there is attached an Information Disclosure  
Statement in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98.

#### PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. §119)

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119, of any provisional or foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below, and have also identified below any provisional or foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

- No such applications have been filed.  
 Such applications have been filed as follows:

#### PRIORITY CLAIM (35 USC §120)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120, of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application (namely, information where there is substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

- No such applications have been filed.  
 Such applications have been filed, as follows:

This application is a continuation of 10/162,302, filed on June 4, 2002, now Patent 6,868,906;

which is a CIP of 09/487,197 filed on January 19, 2000, now Patent 6,397,946;  
which is a CIP of 09/295,808 filed on April 20, 1999, now Patent 6,263,987;  
which is a CIP of 08/708,396 filed on September 3, 1996, now Patent 5,894,897;  
which is a CIP of 08/323,152 filed on October 14, 1994, now Patent 5,551,521;

Application 10/162,302 further claims benefit of 60/313,654 filed on August 19, 2001:  
and 60/353,457, filed on January 31, 2002;  
and 60/367,638, filed on March 26, 2002;  
and 60/384,964, filed on June 3, 2002.

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

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- Practitioners associated with the Customer Number: 36735
- I hereby appoint the following attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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## DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and, further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Sec. 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issued thereon.

Full name of sole or first inventor: WILLIAM BANNING VAIL, III

Inventor's signature: William Banning Vail, III Date: JUNE 5, 2006  
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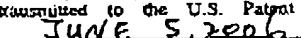
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**ASSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO CORRECTION TO ORIGINAL NAMED INVENTOR(S)**

## Weatherford/Lamb, Inc.

(Type or print name of assignee)

515 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 600, Houston, Texas 77027  
(address)

hereby assents to the correction of inventorship filed herewith.

The assignment of the invention to Weatherford/Lamb, Inc. was recorded on September 29, 2003, Reel/Frame: 014007/0971.

  
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**Scott H. Brown**  
**Assistant Corporate Secretary**

Assent of Assignee.DOC

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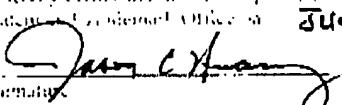
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**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR  
CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 CFR 1.48(a)**

I, James E. Chitwood, one of the listed inventors of United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/678,738 state as follows in support of correction of inventorship:

I am not a co-inventor of the claims pending in the application. Thus, it was in error to list me as a co-inventor and that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intent on my part.

June 4, 2006  
Date

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**ORIGINAL TO FOLLOW?**  YES  NO

**PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP OF AN APPLICATION, COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY, ASSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO CORRECTION TO ORIGINAL NAMED INVENTOR(S), AND STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP**

**TITLE:** METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CEMENTING DRILL STRINGS  
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**INVENTOR:** William Banning Vail, III  
**EXAMINER:** Frank Tsay

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